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In response to the official action mailed 07/03/2002, paper no. 8 in the above referenced case, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Amended) A distributed system framework for a 1. networked environment, including a plurality of process objects, each of said process objects including:
- (a) a program method for creating at least one inbox for storing messages received from another process object;
- (b) a program method for creating at least one outbox for storing messages to be transhitted to another process object;

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